



Read the beginning of an adventure story.

Genre: Adventure Story

# The Adventures of Montgomery May *by Anna Blum*

For ten years, Montgomery May traveled the world in a beat-up old ship. When he returned to his hometown, he talked and talked about the wonderful adventures he had and the great feats he had accomplished while across the sea. One of his most talked-about feats was a leap. "I leaped from the island of Rhodes to the mainland of Turkey and back again, the great sea nipping at my ankles the whole way," Montgomery boasted. "Lots of people saw me do it. You can ask them, and they will tell you that it is true. I leaped a greater distance than any man has ever leaped."

Just then, a friend said, "No need to wait for those people, Montgomery. Pretend you are in Rhodes and show us how far you can jump."

**Explore how to respond to this prompt:** "Write a summary of this passage."

First, use a chart to help you recall the important story elements. The chart below provides some of the details; you need to fill in the rest.

Main Characters	Setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____</li> <li>• A friend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____</li> <li>• Rhodes and Turkey</li> </ul>
Important Events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main character travels _____</li> <li>• He returns to his hometown and tells about _____</li> <li>• When he brags about his biggest feat, his friend asks _____</li> </ul>	

On the lines below, write a summary of this passage. Use the chart above to help you.

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### Close Reading

In this passage, the setting belongs in the summary. **Underline** details about the setting.

### Hint

Which choice best describes what the narrator learns about San Juan?

Read the personal narrative below. Use the Close Reading and the Hint to help you answer the question.

Genre: Personal Narrative

## from "A Little Journey to Puerto Rico"

by Marian Minnie George

We seem hardly to have left . . . New York harbor, before the gray walls of Morro Castle appear above the horizon. Far out at sea, this massive stone fort with its beacon light attracts our attention. . . .

San Juan is one of the most perfectly fortified cities in the world. It is easy to believe this when . . . we see the massive walls and battlements of the forts that guard the north and east.

### Circle the correct answer.

Which is the best summary of this passage?

- A In New York harbor, the narrator notices the gray walls of Morro Castle that fortify the city.
- B Morro Castle in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is one of the massive forts that guard the city.
- C San Juan, Puerto Rico, is one of the most perfectly fortified cities in the world.
- D The differences between New York and San Juan become clear when comparing the harbors.



### Show Your Thinking

Look at the answer you chose. Tell how you decided which details best helped you to summarize the essay.

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With a partner, discuss possible reasons the author of "A Little Journey to Puerto Rico" uses the personal pronoun "we" instead of "I."